

Airship Fleets, Coming Terrors of Sea, Will Sweep It Clean of \$15,000,000 Dreadnoughts.

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"Swat the flyer!"

That is the battle cry of the modern dreadnought battleship. The flying machine is today the greatest terror of the men who go down to the sea in \$15,000,000 floating forts.

The fact is that the navies of the world are feverishly trying, on the other hand, to find a way to avoid the bird machine and, on the other hand, building as many war aeroplanes as they can.

In considering the effect of an aeroplane in battle, too many people are apt to pit a single plane against a battleship. How easy to put one or two or half a dozen flyers out of business!

But navy men have not fallen into this error. They know it would be just as foolish for a naval commander to send one aeroplane against a battleship as it would for a military commander to send one machine gun against a brigade of troops. They know that their problem figures out about as follows:

A battleship costs from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000; it carries a crew of 1,000 men.

An aeroplane costs from \$7,000 to \$10,000; it carries a crew of not more than two men.

Therefore, to be sure of success against a battleship, the proper tactics would be to send a fleet of from 25 to 100 aeroplanes, or even 200, in to the fight.

Suppose there were 100 in our fleet and 50 of them would be destroyed and their crews drowned. It isn't altogether probable that this would happen, but suppose it did. In that case we would lose 100 lives, in money less than a million.

But, at that, there isn't a chance in the world that the battleship would escape. So the cost against the airship loss would be the destruction of a \$15,000,000 battleship, the loss of 1,000 lives.

It would take at least a year to build another battleship while the loss of the 50 aeroplanes would be replaced in a month or two.

The aeroplane would be the hardest sort of a mark to hit from the deck of a rolling ship. But how about hitting 100 aeroplanes?

The protection afforded the ship by its deck armour wouldn't be very great in a rain of high explosives such as a fleet of aeroplanes could drop on it. It was proven by the work of the air scouts in Turkey that the piercing of a wing two or three times by a bullet does not put an aeroplane out of action.

In Tripoli, Italian airmen were able to drop bombs in Turkish camps and do tremendous execution and then get away. So far in warfare there have been two men killed and several severely wounded while flying.

In a trial in Paris an ex-American army officer demonstrated a device which shoots as accurately from an aeroplane as the big guns of a warship shoot—70 per cent of hits.

Now suppose we send our fleet of 100 air craft against a battleship and each ship drops two bombs with 70 per cent of hits. That it 140 bombs out of 200 landing. One would be enough to wreck the ship. So we can readily believe that the battleship that carry but two men and cost so little will become the terror of sea fighting.

First, because of the deadly nature of the bombs carried by the airmen.

Second, because there are so many air craft against each individual ship.

Third, because no ship has yet been built or ever will be built that can get away from an aeroplane fleet that is once started after it.

An aeroplane could give a battleship 50 miles' start and catch her before she had been going half an hour.

OLD PAINTINGS AT LOUVRE TO BE SOLD

One Million Gypsies Move Through Europe Annually—Bulgaria's Future Foretold in 1903.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—The immense collection of pictures, many of them copies of famous canvases, which now encumber the cellars and garrets of the Louvre galleries are soon to be sold at public auction.

These pictures have been accumulating for over a century, and it is doubtful if even the Louvre authorities themselves know what is there. Most of them are copies of old masters which were made by artists in the course of their study, and then abandoned. Many a picture of value may be discovered under the dust of years. Doubtless a number of them were executed by artists who afterwards became famous.

The sale will, at any rate, afford amateurs an opportunity of obtaining copies of the favorite pictures at a comparatively low price. Lovers of the lost "Joconde" will have the choice of more than a hundred copies.

Moths Are Basy.

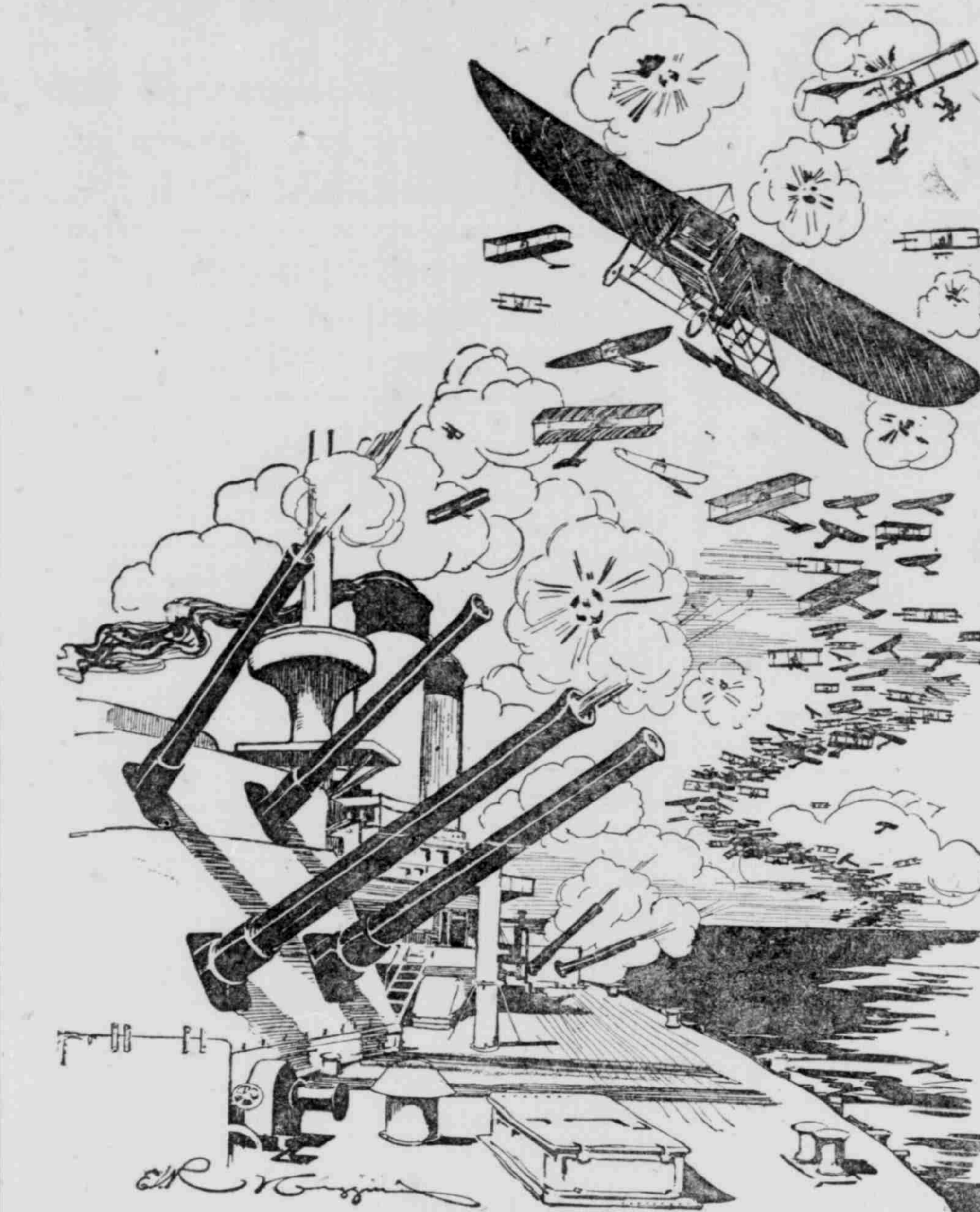
Some day, also, a group of visitors passing through the Army museum at les Invalides examined the glass case in which the personal relics of the great Napoleon are displayed.

To their horror, three holes in the skirt of the celebrated geyl overcoat. Spared by bullet and shell, the famous and legendary garment is in imminent danger of destruction by the inexorable domestic moth. The gallant general who is in charge of the museum was at once advised, and measures have been taken to make the existence of moths in the precious case impossible.

One Million Gypsies.

One million gypsies, with neither home nor country, move across Europe every year from east to west with the beginning of summer. Nowhere are they wanted, everywhere are they eyed askance, but still every year they wander, and the authorities of the countries they cross dread their coming and are relieved when they go.

There is always trouble at the frontiers. Here the wanderers are stopped, questioned, and often imprisoned as vagrants. But there is nothing to do but finally let them go, and they invariably return the next year. An effort to aid and protect these gypsies and incidentally the perplexed authorities, is being made by a Swiss clergyman, H. Ecouyer. He has organized a society, one of the purposes of which is to instruct the gypsies in the Christian religion, for these nomads are



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all pagans. The success of Mr. Ecouyer's efforts, however, is considered very uncertain.

Told King's Future.

Recent happenings in Bulgaria have brought out the story of an interview ten years ago between the present king of Bulgaria and a French diplomat, who told Ferdinand his fortune from a pack of cards with remarkable accuracy.

In 1903, the story goes, the late M. Mancini was secretary of the French legation at Sofia. One night at a reception at the palace of the present king, then merely Prince Ferdinand, called him into a little study and asked him to read the future. M. Mancini asked for a pack of cards, and after certain manipulations, said: "I see your influence and power ceaselessly growing. Other rulers listen to your voice. Your armies become more and more formidable. The year 1912 stands out above all others; your fortune in that year will be meteoric."

"So I must wait nine years," muttered the prince, thoughtfully. "But tell me, what do you see in 1913?"

"After 1912 the cards are blank; they tell me nothing," answered M. Mancini.

M. Mancini's brother diplomats, however, were not satisfied with his last answer, when they heard of the consultation. Pressed with questions, the young attaché finally said: "I could not tell the prince what I really saw in 1913, for in that year the cards spelled disaster."

AT THE THEATERS

"THE LITTLE PIRATE."

The Westons live near the seashore. Bobby is a great favorite with his grandfather. After the old man reads a pirate story to the boy, Bobbie dresses as a pirate, and with a wooden sword, black mask, etc., asks Grandpa to play pirate with him.

They go down to the beach. They get into a boat and have great fun. After a time, they both fall asleep. The boat, having come unfastened, drifts out with the tide and they land on an island. The father of the boy becomes alarmed at their long absence and goes out in search of them. It is a beautiful story that will be shown at the Surprise theater today.

"THE MISTAKE."

"It will make no difference, you will like the wife," declared a husband to his friend in "The Mistake," a story of the lonely gold hills, which is being shown at the American theater Monday and Tuesday, but the friend feared the woman's coming. He went away, only to return on dispelling his foolish fears, then jealousy came, ending in the fearful mistake and contaminating all that was really held dear. Blanche Sweet and Henry Walhall are in the cast. "When a Woman Wastes," a comedy drama, and Pathe's weekly are also on the program.

MAN WANTED FOR JEWEL ROBBERY TAKEN BACK

James Cardoni, alias Bert Donaldson, alias Dr. Hyde, who was arrested here last Thursday, wanted in Rochester, N. Y., to answer the charges for a jewelry robbery committed last February, was taken to Rochester Sunday morning by the sheriff where he will be tried.

Frank Mitchell, with whom he was caught, is being held at the local station pending further inquiry. It is thought that the police have the goods on Cardoni as when he was captured here all the paraphernalia used by modern burglars was found either on his person or in his big leather bags. The two men were trailed to the city by a Pinkerton man.

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SETTLE DOWN TO FINISH TARIFF

Congress Reconciled to Pres. Wilson's Wish, Will Take Up Currency Reform Without Haste.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Congress having yielded to the wish of Pres. Wilson and sent home for its fall clothes, members are becoming reconciled to blasted vacation hopes and settling down to complete the tariff revision with deliberation and to take up currency reform without undue haste.

When the special session will be ready to adjourn has ceased to be a subject of speculation. No one pretends to hazard any more guesses, and leaders in both houses which the currency legislation is to be completed, even if it is necessary to run right up to the regular session in December. Sen. Gallinger, speaking in the tariff debate yesterday of the necessity for republicans to debate certain proposed rates at length, was asked if he had sent home for his winter clothes. He answered with an affirmative. About 11:59 p. m. on Nov. 30 Speaker Clark is writing friends, who ask about adjournment.

With the administration currency bill still in the democratic caucus of the house, Speaker Clark issued a statement tonight in which he asserted the bill would be sent to the senate early in Sept. with solid democratic support.

Rep. Henry, chairman of the house rules committee, also issued a statement relating to the hesitancy of some democrats to accept the bill as now written. Indications that the senate democrats propose to make a bill of their own are increasing and efforts to commit them to any currency bill or definite policy failed at the caucus last Thursday night.

Speaker Clark in his statement on the situation, asserted that the democrats in the Baltimore convention promised tariff and currency reform. The promise to revise the tariff downward, he said, was practically an accomplished fact, while the redemption of the currency promise "is just beginning."

The real battle over the make up of the currency bill will begin this week with the consideration of the measure in the house democratic caucus under what is known as the five minute rule for amendments. The principal amendments relate to the rediscounting of paper based on farmers' products.

FAILS FROM BOAT.

LAPORTE, Ind., Aug. 18.—Emil Oberg, a farmer while rowing across Kootenai lake had an attack of organic heart trouble, fell from his boat and was drowned.

Mothers! Have Your Children Worms?

Are they feverish, restless, nervous, irritable, dizzy or constipated? Do they continually pick their nose or grind their teeth? Have they cramping pains, irregular and ravenous appetite? These are all signs of worms. Worms not only cause your child suffering, but stunt his mind and growth. Give "Kickapoo Worm Killer" at once. It kills and removes the worms, improves your child's appetite, regulates stomach, liver and bowels. The symptoms disappear and your child is made happy and healthy, as nature intended. All druggists or by mail, 25c.

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GERMAN SOCIALIST BURIED

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 18.—August Bebel, the German socialist leader, was given an impressive funeral here Sunday. Twenty thousand socialists followed the body from the city hall, where it had lain in state, to the cemetery, where it was cremated. The streets through which the procession passed were crowded.

Kidney trouble is particularly to be dreaded because its presence is not usually discovered until it has assumed one of its worst forms—diabetes, dropsy, or Bright's disease. If you suspect that your kidneys are affected, by all means use Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea—the greatest systemic cleanser and regulator. Conley Drug Store.

REPORT 5,000 WERE KILLED

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai said that in the recent fighting at Canton, 5,000 persons were killed, of whom 3,500 were civilians. The mint was looted of \$1,000,000 in small coin and \$50,000 in bullion.

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ORPHEUM ALL READY FOR OPENING NIGHT

Show House has Been Redecorated and Many Improvements Made During Summer.

With its interior redecorated and refurnished in a most elaborate and modern style, the Orpheum theater will open Aug. 24, with a bill which promises to lead off the season with a big hit.

The walls of the auditorium and entrance have been painted and decorated in oil, and oriental plaster has been placed over the old finish. Tile has been installed in the auditorium and entrance floor. The asbestos curtain has been repainted and several new features have been added.

The admission will remain the same except matinees, when the lower floor will be reserved and seats will sell at 15 cents.

Isikawa Japs, acrobats, equilibrists and tumbler will feature the opening bill in their hand balancing act. DeMarest and Chabot, vaudeville comedians, and Arthur Doming, a comedian will play big acts, while the Whitney Operatic Dells, an amusing act, and Donova and Arnold, in "All Mixed Up," a comic production, will complete the bill.

COUNTESS FOUND DEAD

Convicted of Complicity in Murder Three Years Ago.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 18.—The Countess Tarnowska, who in 1910, was convicted in Venice of complicity in the murder of Count Karamowsky and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment, was found dead on a St. Petersburg-Kiev express train today. She had been hanged. The police are investigating to determine whether it is a case of suicide or murder. The countess was pardoned last year.

Summer-Spoiled Skin Removed by Absorption

(From Home Queens.)

As mid-summer exposures usually leaves an undesirable surface of tan, dust or grease, often freckles, too, it would seem desirable to remove such surface there to hide it with cosmetics. There's nothing better for this than ordinary mercurized wax, which actually absorbs an unwholesome complexion. This layer of surface skin is itself absorbed, gently and gradually, so there's no inconvenience and no detention indoors. Just spread the wax lightly over the entire face at bedtime and take it off in the morning with warm water. If you will get one ounce of mercurized wax at the drug store, and use it while this will be found wonderfully effective. Advertisement.

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